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The SANTA SUSANA MOUNTAIN AREA COMMITTEE (SSMAC) is pleased to announce that we have received the approval of our parent organization, WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (WHNC), and will request the educational services available through the U.S. E.P.A. (T.A.S.C.) and the California E.P.A. (E.E.I).

These programs will add to our fund of general knowledge of environmental conditions and principles as well as specific information on local environmental problems.

As always, all are invited to join and participate in our meetings, the last Wednesday of each month.

Thank you,

Daniel Wiseman  
Chair, SSMAC

# West Hills Neighborhood Council



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Dear Mr. Cooper & Ms. Lewis:

Two newly created educational opportunities were introduced and discussed at the July 22, 2009 Santa Susana Mountain Area Committee (SSMAC). After due deliberation, the SSMAC recommended: "...that we request and employ these services in our committee education and community education activities." This recommendation was passed by the WHNC Board of Directors.

1. U.S.E.P.A. Technical Assistance Services for Communities (T.A.S.C.) is an opportunity for community groups to hear from and learn about the basics and some of the technical details related to hazardous waste and the clean-up process.  
  
Topics that SSMAC participants would like discussed include:
  - a. Interpretative summaries of technical documents.
  - b. Definitions of terms: Risk Assessment, Toxicology, RCRA Facility Investigations (RCRA FI's or RFI's)
  - c. The Nature and Hazards of alpha-, Beta- and Gamma Radiation ... Sources of each.
  - d. Focus on SPECIFIC HEALTH RISKS and CRITICAL LEVELS (Malignancies, organ damage, etc.)

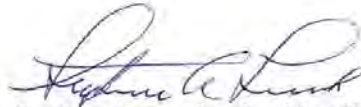
- e. Archeological Evaluation of key properties
- 2. The Cal E.P.A. Education & the Environment Initiative (E.E.I.) is a full curriculum for K-12 schools. The subjects covered for the upper grades include some of the same material as the Federal E.P.A. program, above. The EEI curriculum was created by AB1548 (2003) and AB1721 (2007). It follows California State Board of Education Guidelines to assure accurate and non-biased information.

We look forward to working with these agencies for the furtherance of our understanding of basic environmental concepts and clean-up procedures.

Sincerely,



Daniel Wiseman, Chair SSMAC  
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